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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: UNIVERSITY OF RIYADH

REF: JIDDA 3309

1. MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION, USDOC HAS HAD
EXCELLENT RESPONSE TO ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH INDUSTRY
REGARDING SUBJECT PROJECT. FOLLOWING FIRMS HAVE ALL
INDICATED SERIOUS INTEREST:

A) CRS DESIGN ASSOCIATES, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

B) ANGELO DEMETRIOU, WASHINGTON, D.C.

C) NARAMORE, BAIN, BRADY AND JOHNSON, SEATTLE. WASHINGTON.

D) LEO A. DALY, OMAHA, NEBRASKA (FRED MATTIES AND
MR. TVRDIK WILL BE IN DHAHRAN JULY 3RD, PLAN TO ARRANGE
TRIP TO RIYADH PROBABLY JULY 4 TO TALK WITH AL-FADDA.)

E) DOBER, PADDOCK, UPTON AND ASSOC., CAMBRIDGE,
MASSACHUSETTS.

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F) SYSKA AND HENNESSY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

2. MOST EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CAME WITH ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

A) LEO A. DALY - IS THERE AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
ALREADY ESTABLISHED? IF SO, WHAT FACULTIES ARE PLANNED?
IN OTHER WORDS A SCHOOL OF MEDICINE OR DENTISTRY WOULD NECESSITATE
CERTAIN PLANNING NOT NEEDED FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES. ALSO, IS
IT THE INTENTION OF THE RECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH SEVERAL SETS
OF ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS FOR THE SEVERAL FACULTIES OR WOULD
ONE CONSORTIUM BE RETAINED FOR THE UNIVERSITY AS A WHOLE?

B) DOBER PADDOCK UPTON - CONCERNED THAT PROJECT PLANNING
ASSOCIATES LTD. FROM TORONTO WHICH WORKS EXTENSIVELY
IN NEAR EAST MAY HAVE INSIDE TRACK. HAS POST ANY REASON
TO BELIEVE THAT ANY FIRM FROM ANY COUNTRY IS IN PREFERRED
POSITION? IF NOT, DOBER PADDOCK WOULD LIKE TO PUT TOGETHER A
HIGH LEVEL VISIT REPRESENTING ALL FIRMS WHICH WOULD BE
INVOLVED IN THEIR PROPOSAL AND SHOWING AL-FADDA WHAT
THEY COULD DO. DOES EMBASSY BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE
WELL RECEIVED BY AL-FADDA?

C) SYSKA AND HENNESSY - TENDER APPEARS TO BE FOR ONE PROPOSAL
TO COVER BOTH DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION. IS THIS THE
INTENTION OR WILL AL-FADDA IN REALITY OBTAIN
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FIRST AND THEN ISSUE TENDER
FOR CONSTRUCTION?

D) NARAMORE, BAIN, BRADY AND JOHNSON - IS THERE A HOSPITAL
RELATED TO THIS UNIVERSITY? IS THE PROJECT RELATED TO
EITHER THE REGULAR ARMY OR TO THE NATIONAL GUARD? IS TURNKEY
APPROACH ESSENTIAL? (REFLECTS QUESTION OF SYSKA AND
HENNESSY AS WELL AS LEO A. DALY.) IS U.S. CORPS OF
ENGINEERS INVOLVED NOW OR IS IT EXPECTED THEY WILL BE CALLED
IN TO HELP EVALUATE PROPOSALS? WHEN IS IT HOPED UNIVERSITY
WILL BE FUNCTIONING? HOW SOON SHOULD CONSTRUCTION START?
THIS FIRM EVIDENTLY FAMILIAR WITH FIYADH WISHES KNOW
EXACTLY WHERE IN SUBURBS UNIVERSITY WILL BE LOCATED.

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3. RECOGNIZE THESE QUESTIONS CONSTITUTE MUCH WORK FOR
EMBASSY BUT HOPEFUL THAT IF WE GET OFF TO FAST THOROUGH
START THIS PROJECT COULD GO TO A U.S. CONSORTIA. WILL
APPRECIATE ALL EMBASSY CAN DO TO GET THESE ANSWERS AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE. POST COULD SEND IN WHATEVER CURRENTLY
KNOWN AND FOLLOW UP WITH WHAT NEEDS INVESTIGATION.
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